

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on November 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Senate Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

House Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ron Ehli (R)

Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing and Date Posted: SB 6, 11/14/17; HB 7, 11/14/17

00:02:15 Chairman Webb

Informational Testimony:

00:02:33 Gene Walborn, deputy director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:04:33 Rep. Galt joined the meeting.

00:05:42 Chairman Webb

00:06:30 Recess

03:32:07 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:33:02 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 7, Require 3rd-party intermediaries to pay/remit the lodging facility use tax.

EXHIBIT(tas02a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:37:17 Sen. Dee Brown, SD 2

03:39:18 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

03:40:17 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

03:41:13 Steve Wohrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

03:43:07 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association (MonTax)

EXHIBIT(tas02a02)

03:51:05 Harold Blattie, representing himself

03:54:02 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:56:57 Sen. Cohenour

03:57:58 Sen. Brown

03:59:00 Sen. Cohenour

03:59:25 Mr. Kadas, DOR

04:00:11 Sen. Cohenour

04:00:31 Mr. Kadas

04:01:00 Rep. Fern

04:01:29 Sen. Brown

04:02:10 Rep. Fern

04:02:40 Sen. Brown

04:03:30 Rep. Essmann
04:04:06 Mr. Kadas
04:05:54 Rep. Essmann
04:06:32 Gene Walborn, DOR
04:07:35 Rep. Essmann
04:07:45 Mr. Walborn
04:10:01 Rep. Essmann
04:10:39 Mr. Kadas
04:11:44 Rep. Greg Hertz
04:12:10 Mr. Walborn
04:13:53 Rep. Hertz
04:14:48 Mr. Walborn
04:15:26 Rep. Flynn
04:16:25 Mr. Walborn
04:17:57 Rep. Jacobson
04:18:32 Mr. Story, MonTax
04:21:37 Rep. Jacobson
04:22:16 Mr. Story

EXHIBIT(tas02a03)

04:23:44 Rep. Greg Hertz
04:24:29 Mr. Walborn
04:25:23 Rep. Greg Hertz
04:25:31 Sen. Cohenour joined the meeting.
04:25:47 Rep. Greg Hertz
04:26:04 Mr. Walborn
04:26:32 Sen. Barrett
04:26:49 Mr. Walborn
04:27:07 Sen. Barrett
04:27:22 Mr. Walborn
04:27:27 Rep. Dunwell
04:27:50 Mr. Walborn

Closing by Sponsor:

04:28:24 Sen. Hoven
04:31:10 Chairman Webb
04:31:13 Sen. Hoven

04:31:47 Chairman Webb

04:33:28 Recess

06:35:41 Reconvene

06:35:43 Chairman Webb

06:37:29 Recess

07:31:38 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

07:32:05 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 7, Repealing certain individual and corporate income tax credits.

EXHIBIT(tas02a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

07:34:18 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

07:35:49 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

07:37:36 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

07:38:31 Jason Rittal, Montana Nonprofit Association, Montana Developers Association (MNA, MDA)

07:40:14 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

07:43:06 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

07:46:06 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Education Center (MEIC)

07:48:17 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

07:50:07 Rep. Adam Hertz

07:50:20 Mr. Kadas, DOR

07:51:41 Sen. Barrett

07:52:10 Mr. Mahlum, MCC

07:53:38 Sen. Barrett

07:53:50 Mr. Mahlum

07:54:03 Rep. Jacobson (stated that MCC needs to be on record as an opponent)

07:54:32 Sen. Barrett

07:55:17 Rep. Redfield

07:56:04 Sen. Barrett

07:56:11 Rep. Redfield

07:56:15 Rep. Jacobson

07:56:39 Rep. Redfield

07:59:50 Rep. Jacobson

08:00:10 Rep. Redfield

08:00:25 Rep. Essmann

08:01:18 Rep. Redfield

08:01:30 Rep. Essmann

08:02:31 Mr. Kadas

08:03:56 Rep. Essmann

08:04:07 Rep. Hamilton

08:04:55 Mr. Story, MonTax

08:06:08 Rep. Hamilton

08:06:14 Mr. Story
08:06:40 Rep. Hamilton
08:07:23 Rep. Redfield
08:07:47 Mr. Kadas
08:09:17 Rep. Hamilton
08:09:51 Mr. Kadas
08:10:00 Rep. Hamilton
08:10:11 Mr. Kadas
08:10:37 Rep. Fern
08:11:32 Ms. O'Loughlin, MBPC
08:13:47 Sen. Vincent
08:14:43 Mr. Story
08:15:54 Sen. Vincent
08:16:26 Mr. Story
08:16:47 Rep. Essmann
08:17:47 Ms. O'Loughlin
08:19:54 Rep. Essmann
08:20:41 Ms. O'Loughlin
08:22:14 Rep. Essmann
08:22:34 Rep. Flynn
08:22:55 Mr. Kadas
08:23:17 Rep. Flynn
08:24:17 Mr. Fadie, MEIC
08:24:37 Sen. Malek
08:25:52 Rep. Redfield
08:26:19 Sen. Malek
08:26:58 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

08:27:10 Rep. Redfield

Committee Business:

08:27:45 Chairman Webb
08:28:01 Rep. Essmann
08:28:16 Mr. Kadas
08:29:04 Rep. Essmann
08:29:10 Rep. Jacobson
08:29:21 Rep. Essmann
08:29:35 Rep. Jacobson
08:29:51 Rep. Essmann
08:30:46 Chairman Webb

08:31:24 Recess

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas02aad.pdf](#))